

Community Health Worker Advisory Committee – Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 1:00 pm – 3 pm

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Draft Minutes

Advisory Committee Members Present

Fay Alexander
Lilian Amaya
Rosario Campos
Camisha Coke
Kevin Jordan
La Kerry Dawson
Cheryl De Pinto
Griselda Funn
Katie Gilligan
Robin Hollar
Jude James
Rebecca Jones
Ryan Moran
Betty Muwwakkil
Rachel Parran
Yanna Rachinskaya
Samantha Salesman
Tiffany Scott
Bradley Tritsch

Maryland Department of Health Staff

Cheryl De Pinto
Tina Backe
Adrienne Taylor
Rachael Molitor (PHASE intern)
Deborah Donohue

Welcome & Roll Call/Introductions

Tina Backe opened the meeting. Each committee member introduced themselves.

Opening Remarks

Cheryl De Pinto presented opening remarks to the group on the growth of the program and progress made to CHW certifications.

Presentation: Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

Mark Luckner, Executive Director Maryland CHRC, and Dr. Christopher Rogers, Policy and Strategy Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, Montgomery County, Maryland

Predict Link Control T2D: Identifying and Linking Type 2 Diabetic Patients to Better Disease Management presented by Dr. Christopher Rogers

Program Overview:

Needs Assessment

High and increasing ED utilization among T2D patients, great and increasing health disparity.

Goals

Prevent avoidable ED visits and other costly health care utilization, and to improve patient outcomes among T2D patients.

Results

Better disease management and reduction of healthcare utilization and cost among T2D patients, population health improvement.

Meeting Minute Approval

The Advisory Committee voted on and approved the November 16, 2020 meeting minutes.

- Ryan Moran motioned to approve; Rosario Campos seconded the motion.
- The Advisory Committee voted and approved unanimously.

CHW Certification Implementation

CHW Certification Update: September 1, 2019- February 16, 2021

- # of applications submitted to MDH: 829
- # of submitted applications in the review process: 97
- # of CHW certifications issued by MDH: 732

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Update: January 1, 2020- February 16, 2021

- # of applications submitted to MDH: 7
- # of submitted applications in the review process: 2
- # of CHW certifications issued by MDH: 5

Notice: Updates to Hospitals and Nursing Homes on Staffing Shortages

- Notice issued on December 1, 2020, and signed by the Secretary
- The required supervised 40-hour Practicum requirement for the certification of community health workers in COMAR 10.68.02.03 may be suspended under the conditions listed in the appendix to this Notice and replaced with supervised employment.
- Hospitals should make use of their community health workers and community health worker students as healthcare extenders in their facilities.

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Implementation

Certification Based on the Completion of an Accredited CHW Training Program- Draft Potential Amendment

- Timeline for a CHW to apply for certification after the successful completion of an accredited CHW certification training program
- Proposed amendment to COMAR 10.68.02: A CHW shall apply to the Department for CHW certification no later than one year after the successful completion of an accredited CHW certification training program.
- COMAR 10.68.02 amendments would become effective on the date the regulations are adopted.
- The Department will bring draft potential amendments to the regulations.

Accreditation of CHW Apprenticeship Programs Registered with the Maryland Department of Labor

- Background: Health General § 13-3705(a)(1)(iii) and Health General § 13-3705(a)(2)
- Workgroup process: 3 meetings convened on December 18, 2020, January 12, 2021, and January 27, 2021.
- Workgroup members:
 - CHW Advisory Committee: Robin Hollar, LaKerry Dawson, Yanna Rachinskaya
 - Maryland Department of Labor: Christopher MacLarion, Director of Apprenticeship and Training; Jeffrey Smith, Program Manager for Apprenticeship and Training Office of Workforce Development; Brittney Crisafulli, EARN Maryland Administrator
 - Maryland Department of Health: Tina Backe, Adrienne Taylor, Deborah Donohue
- COMAR 10.68.02: Draft Potential Amendments
 - Definitions updated and added
 - Additional provisions created for apprentice programs
 - Requirements for training programs follows the Department of Labor COMAR 09.12.43 regulations
 - Discussion: The Department of Labor regulations state apprentice programs could training students as young as 16. This will require potential review and amendments of the regulations for the overall age requirement to become certified.
- Vote on COMAR 10.68.02 on hold until the May 17, 2021 meeting

CHW Specialty Certification Chronic Disease Management: Diabetes

Public Health Applications for Student Experience (PHASE) project

Rachael Molitor, Johns Hopkins PHASE Intern

Goals:

- Convene an expert stakeholder group to consider minimum requirements for a CHW specialty certification in Chronic Disease Management: Diabetes
- Draft potential amendments to COMAR to recommend the Secretary.

Stakeholder Group

- Shelly Choo, MD, MPH, Director, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Maryland Department of Health (MDH)
- Angela Cole, Certified CHW
- Akasha Dotson, Certified CHW
- Margaret Fowler, Certified CHW
- Debony Hughes, DDS, Director, Office of Oral Health, MDH
- Kashif Munir, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Nutrition, University of Maryland School of Medicine
- Lisa Schocket, MD, Associate Professor, Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of Maryland School of Medicine
- Tiffany Scott, Certified CHW, CHW Advisory Committee representative
- Paul Sheitel, DPM, FACFAS, Retired
- Colleen Swank, MS, Local Health Improvement Coalition Grant Coordinator, Frederick County Health Department
- Hoai-an Truong, PharmD, MPH, FAPhA, FNAP, Professor and Director of Public Health, School of Pharmacy & Health Professions, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- William Ward, Certified CHW

Expert Stakeholder Group Meetings and Goals

Meeting #1: Feb. 8 & Feb. 11 th Goals	Meeting #2: Feb. 25 & Feb. 26 Goals	Meeting #3: Mar. 18 & Mar. 19 Goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CHW general certification and accreditation requirements• CHW specialty certifications national landscape• Categories for consideration• Domains	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of Domains• Minimum hours of instruction• Minimum hours of experience/practicum, if required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialty recertification requirements• Assessment method(s) for instruction, experience/practicum, and recertification

Upcoming CHW Advisory Committee Meetings

- May 17, 2021
- August 16, 2021
- November 15, 2021

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn La Kerry Dawson; seconded by Rosario Campos
Meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM